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SUBJECT: SEEKING FRENCH INTENTIONS ON RWANDA

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SUMMARY AND ACTION REQUEST

2. THE DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE AN UPDATE ON FRENCH INTENTIONS CONCERNING THEIR PLANNED STAGED WITHDRAW L FROM RWANDA CULMINATING ON AUGUST 22, AND THEIR PLANS FOR EQUIPPING AND DEPLOYING AFRICAN NATIONAL CONTINGENTS POST IS REQUESTED TO APPROACH THE GOF AT AN APPROPRIATE LEVEL DRAWING ON THE TALKING POINTS PROVIDED BELOW.

BACKGROUND

3. OPERATION TURQUOISE, THE FRENCH-LED HUMANITARIAN OPERATION TO RWANDA, DEPLOYED FOLLOWING UNSC APPROVA UNDER RESOLUTION 929 OF JUNE 22. IN APPROVING THE OPERATION, THE UNSC NOTED THAT IT WAS A TEMPORARY MEASURE TO FILL THE INTERIM UNTIL UNAMIR COULD DEPLOY. ALTHOUGH UNAMIR HAS BEEN SLOW TO DEPLOY, THE FRENCH HAVE CONFIRMED THAT THEY WILL WITHDRAW FROM RWANDA BY THE AUGUST 22 EXPIRATION OF THE UN MANDATE, AND HAVE RECENTLY INITIATED THE FIRST OF THEIR STAGED WITHDRAWALS.

4. THE DEPARTMENT HAS RECEIVED DIFFERING ACCOUNTS OF
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FRENCH INTENTIONS CONCERNING ITS PLANS TO EQUIP AND DEPLOY AFRICAN TROOPS TO RWANDA TO REPLACE THEIR DEPARTING FORCES. WE WISH TO LEARN FROM THE FRENCH THE EXACT NUMBERS OF AFRICAN TROOPS PRESENTLY IN RWANDA UNDER OPERATION TURQUOISE, THE NUMBERS AND DEPLOYMENT DATES OF THOSE EXPECTED TO JOIN. AND THE STATUS OF ON-GOING FRENCH ACTIONS TO EQUIP AND DEPLOY THESE FORCES, AS WELL AS PLANS FOR THEIR INTEGRATION INTO UNAMIR. WE ALSO WISH AGAIN TO ENCOURAGE THE FRENCH, AS PER REF B, TO LEAVE BEHIND THEIR EQUIPMENT FOR USE BY THE AFRICAN UNAMIR FORCES.

TALKING POINTS

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5. POST MAY DRAW UPON THE FOLLOWING TALKING POINTS IN YOUR DISCUSSIONS:

-- THE USG CONTINUES TO APPLAUD THE GOF FOR ITS INITIATIVE AND DECISIVENESS IN DEPLOYING A HUMANITARIAN MISSION TO RWANDA.

-- WE UNDERSTAND YOUR INTENTION TO WITHDRAW YOUR TROOPS. WE ALSO UNDERSTAND FROM DEFMIN LEOTARD'S VISIT TO THE U.S. LAST WEEK AND RECENT STATEMENTS FROM PM BALLADUR THAT FRANCE WILL MONITOR THE SITUATION CLOSELY AND NOT EXECUTE A PRECIPITOUS WITHDRAWAL IF IT WOULD THREATEN RWANDAN LIVES IN THE PROTECTION ZONE.

-- WITH THE APPROACHING TERMINATION OF THE MANDATE ACCORDED BY UNSCR 929 AND WITH THE GOF'S STATED INTENTION
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NOT TO EXTEND ITS PARTICIPATION BEYOND THAT DATE, WE WOULD APPRECIATE BEING KEPT APPRISED OF YOUR PLANS FOR AN ORDERLY DEPARTURE AND DEPLOYING ADDITIONAL AFRICAN TROOPS IN YOUR PLACE. WE WOULD ESPECIALLY APPRECIATE THIS INFORMATION AS WE HAVE BEEN RECEIVING VARYING AND SOMETIMES CONFLICTING REPORTS AS TO ACTIONS BEING UNDERTAKEN IN THIS RESPECT.

-- IN PARTICULAR, WE WOULD APPRECIATE KNOWING:

- THE NUMBERS AND NATIONALITIES OF AFRICAN FORCES PRESENTLY DEPLOYED ALONG WITH YOUR FORCES UNDER OPERATION TURQUOISE

- THE NUMBERS AND NATIONALITIES OF ADDITIONAL AFRICAN FORCES WHICH WILL BE DEPLOYED TO THE PROTECTED AREA PRIOR TO AUGUST 22

- YOUR EFFORTS TO EQUIP THESE FORCES, THE TYPE AND QUANTITIES OF EQUIPMENT YOU ARE PROVIDING, AND YOUR AIRLIFT ARRANGEMENTS FOR DEPLOYING THESE FORCES

- YOUR PLANNING TO INTEGRATE THESE FORCES INTO UNAMIR UPON YOUR DEPARTURE

- YOUR UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT OTHER FORCES UNAMIR INTENDS TO DEPLOY TO THE PROTECTED AREA AND YOUR PLANNING

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TO EFFECT AN ORDERLY TRANSITION OF CONTROL TO THESE FORCES. UNCLASSIFIED

-- AS YOU KNOW, THE U.S. IS PLANNING TO PROVIDE AIELIFT
FOR SEVERAL COUNTRIES DEPLOYING TO UNAMIR. IT IS CRITICAL
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T4AT WE COORDINATE OUR PARALLEL EFFORTS TO EQUIP AND
TRANSFOT TROOFS TO RWANDA.

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-- WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE ZAIRIAN MILITARY HAS CONFISCATED
HEAVY WEAPONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE FORMER RWANDAN ARMY,
WHICH ARE NOW LOCATED A SHORT DISTANCE NORTH OF GOMA WE
WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR APPROACHING THE ZAIRIAN AUTHORITIES
TO INSURE THESE WEAPONS ARE PROPERLY PROTECTED TO PRECLUDE
THEIR FALLING INTO THE WRONG HANDS, AND ANY ADDITIONAL
CONSIDERATION YOU MIGHT HAVE AS TO WHAT FURTHER CAN BE
DONE ABOUT THESE WEAFONS.

-- IN ADDITION, WE WOULD APPRECIATE IF YOU COULD MAKE
AVAILABLE ANY EXCESS STOCKS OF 7.62MM RIFLE AMMUNITION TO
THE GHANAIAAN UNAMIR CONTINGENT TO ASSIST IN THEIR
DEPLOYMENTS. WE ARE IN THE PROCESS OF AUTHORIZING THE
PROVISION OF THIS TYPE OF AMMUNITION, BUT ARE DELAYED DUE
TO NECESSARY LEGAL REQUIREMENTS.

-- WE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO RAISE
AGAIN THE ISSUE OF THE EQUIPMENT WHICH YOUR FORCES PLAN TO
TAKE BACK WITH THEM UPON TERMINATION OF OPERATION
TURQUOISE. AS YOU KNOW, WE HAVE BEEN WORKING CLOSELY WITH
THE UN AND WITH POTENTIAL TROOP- AND EQUIPMENT-DONOR
COUNTRIES TO MEET EQUIPMENT NEEDS WITH AVAILABLE SUPPLIES
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IN ORDER TO EXPEDITE DEPLOYMENT OF ADDITIONAL FORCES TO
UNAMIR. WE SEEK YOUR GOVERNMENT'S RENEWED CONSIDERATION
TO OUR EARLIER REQUEST THAT YOUR FORCES LEAVE THEIR

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EQUIPMENT IN RWANDA FOR USE BY THE AFRICAN FORCES WHO WILL
BE JOINING UNAMIR, AND WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO CONTACT THE UN
TO ARRANGE TERMS FOR YOUR EQUIPMENT TRANSFER. CHRISTOPHER

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